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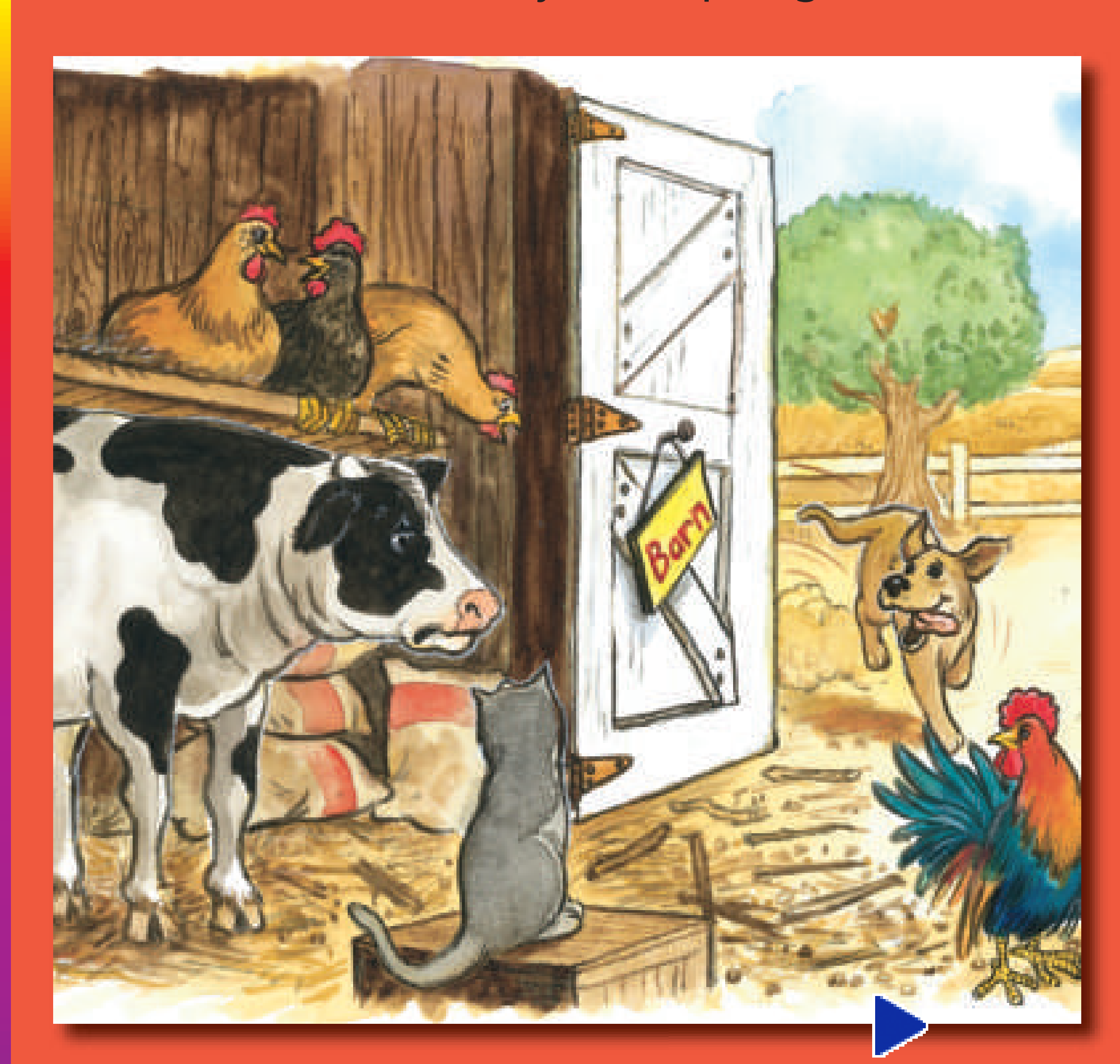


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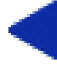
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"Big news! I have big news!" barked Dog, running into the barn.

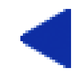
"Big news?" asked Donkey and Cat at the same time.

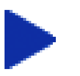
"What is it, Dog? What is this all about?" asked Cow.

"We are getting a new baby," said Dog.

"A new baby?" asked the hens.

"Yes, a new piglet, a baby pig," barked Dog. "I saw him. He is only two weeks old." Dog was out of breath.



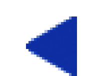


“Do you know what this means?” said Cow.

“No, what does it mean?” asked Dog. Some animals looked scared.

Cow spoke, “We must clean the barn.”

The animals looked at Cow. Cow always knew what do to.





“Yes, we shall clean,” the animals agreed. “We must get the barn ready for the new piglet.”

The animals started to work. They all ran around. They ran around some more. After a while, they were tired. The barn was still messy.

hay

corn

sticks

“Look at this mess! We need to work together,” said Cow.

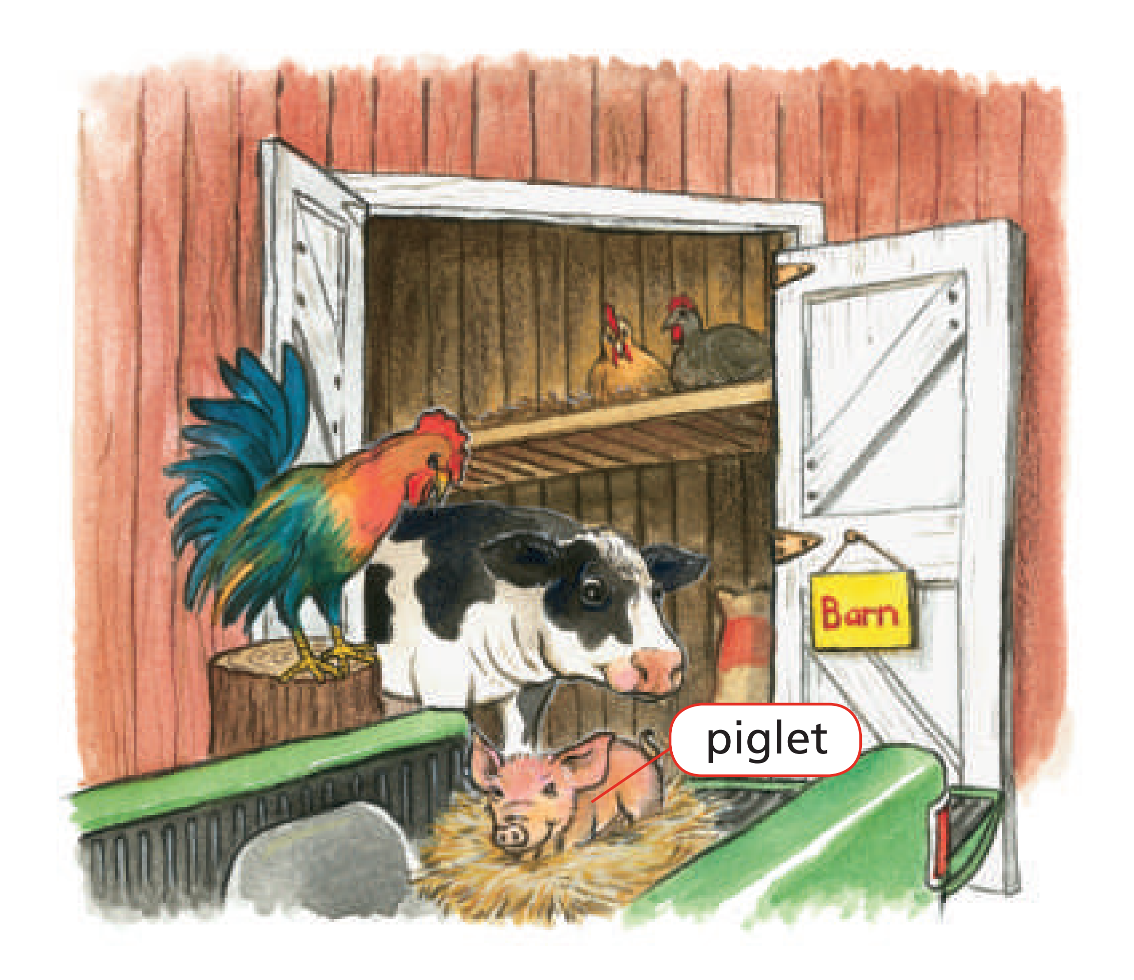
The animals wanted to help each other. They started to sing:

We’ll help to clean the barn.
A piglet, a piglet,
Is coming to live with us.

Donkey carried sticks of wood outside. Dog piled up the sticks in a neat pile. Cat made sure the bags of grain were neatly piled in the corner. Cow laid some hay near the wall. The little pig would sleep on the hay. The hens cleared the floor of corn and seeds.



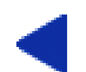




Rooster stood by the door to see when the piglet would come.

"Everything looks neat. We did a good job!" said Cow proudly. "Helping each other made the big job easy."

The piglet came to the barn. Do you think the piglet will be happy there?





Talk About It

1. How did the animals help each other?
2. What lesson did the author try to teach in this story?

Write About It

3. Think about a time when you have seen people work together. Write about it.

Extend Language

A baby pig is called a piglet. What animals will the following babies grow up to be?

puppy kitten chick calf

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